

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHAUNCEY LEON WATKINS,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 4:17-CV-1243 DDN
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UNKNOWN PRESSON, et al.,)
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Defendants.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon review of plaintiff's pro se complaint. The complaint is defective because plaintiff has failed to either pay the full \$400 filing fee in this action or file a motion to proceed in forma pauperis. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). If plaintiff wishes to submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, he must also submit a copy of his prison account statement in support of his motion.

Accordingly,

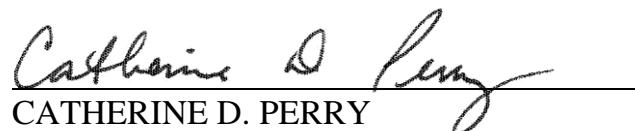
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk is directed to mail to plaintiff a copy of the motion to proceed in forma pauperis form for prisoners.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that plaintiff must either pay the \$400 filing fee **or** submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if plaintiff files a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, he must also file a certified copy of his prison account statement for the six-month period preceding the filing of the complaint.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if plaintiff fails to comply with this Order, the Court will dismiss this action without prejudice. If the case is dismissed for non-compliance with this Order, the dismissal will **not** count as a “strike” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

Dated this 11th day of April, 2017.



CATHERINE D. PERRY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE